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CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

The Draper manuscripts are composed of many thousands of items in 486 volumes. They relate chiefly to the area between the Mississippi River on the west and the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean on the east, especially the frontier region during the period 1755-1815, and consist of original papers collected by Lyman C. Draper and transcripts and notes made by him. Included are Draper's partially completed life of Daniel Boone, and his unpublished histories of "Border Forays" and "Mecklenburg Declarations". There are series of papers of or relating to Daniel Boone, Joseph Brant, David Brodhead, George Rogers Clark, William Clark, Thomas Forsyth, Josiah Harmar, William Irvine, Simon Kenton, William Preston, Thomas Sumter and Tecumseh. Other series bear the names of the following events or areas: Frontier Wars, Kentucky, Kings Mountain, Pittsburgh and Northern Virginia, Tennessee, and Virginia.

(This description was adapted from Philip M. Hamer's *A Guide to the Archives and Manuscripts in the United States*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1961, p. 631.)

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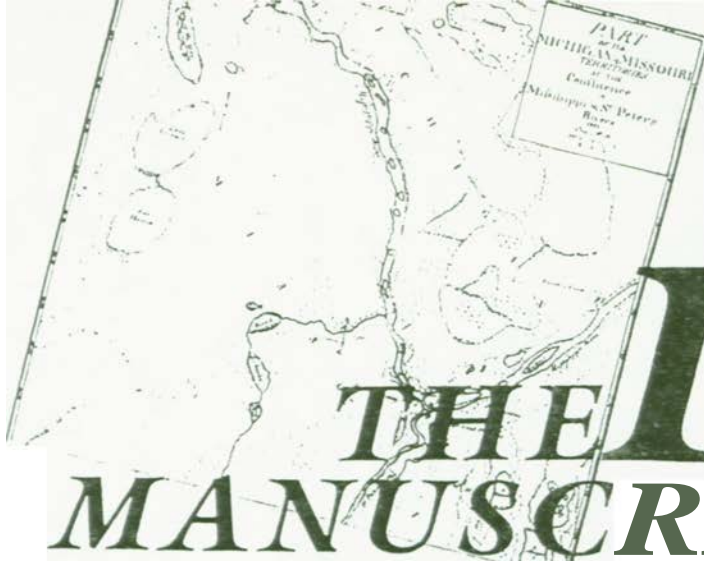
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Part of the Michigan and Missouri Territorial Survey of the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Peter's Rivers now part of Minneapolis. Drawn by T. E. Heckle, 1821.

THE Draper MANUSCRIPTS

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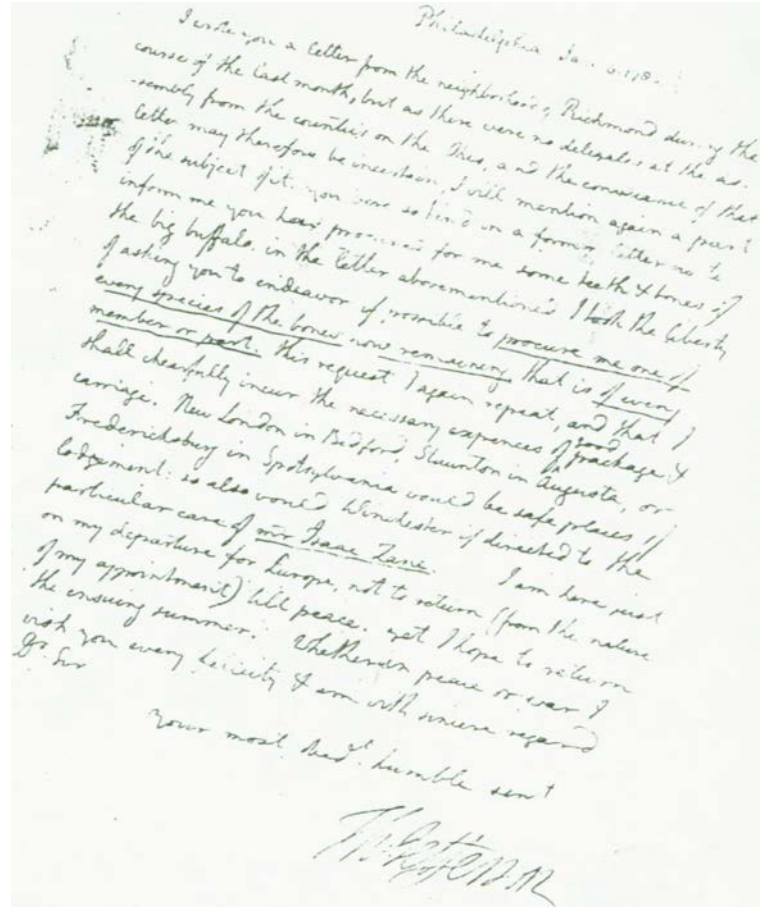
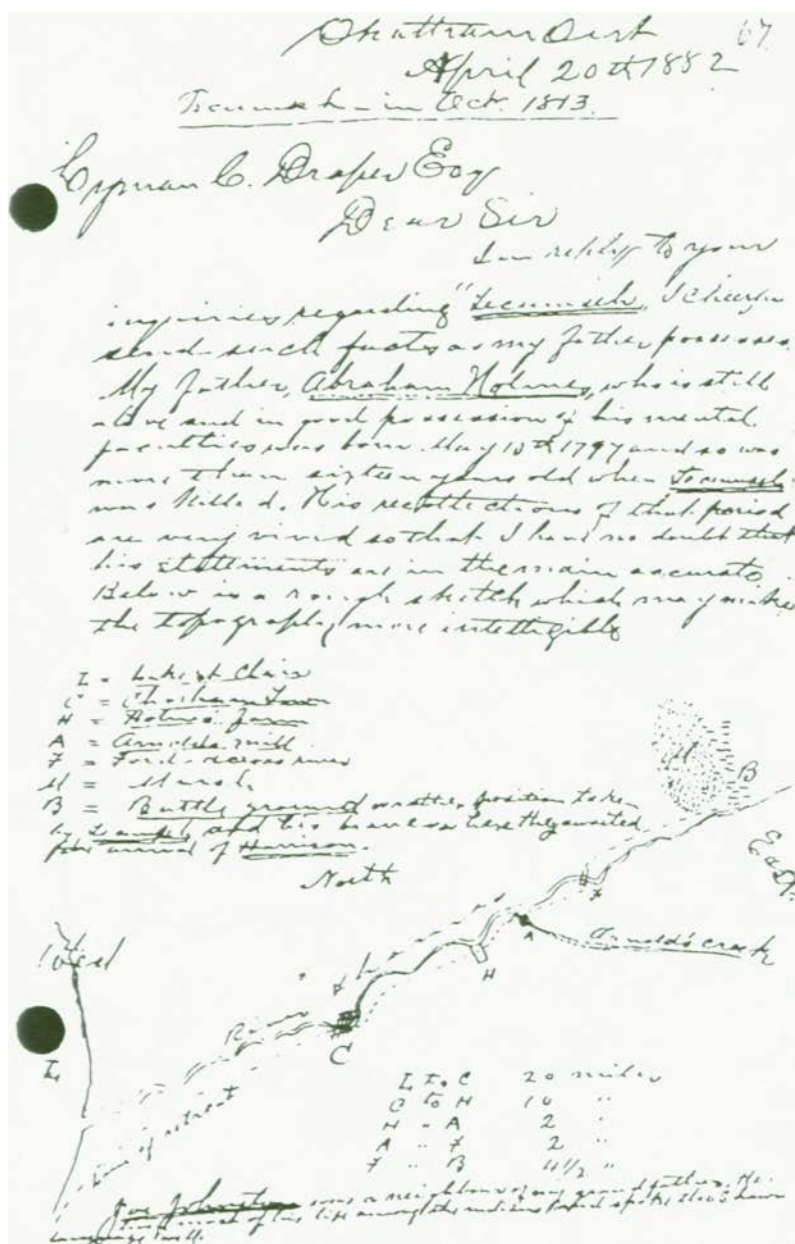
Pamphlets, periodicals, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Joseph Brant. This printed material was published 1837-1886, and includes biographical accounts of Brant, engravings, and a Brant genealogy.

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A letter from Thomas Jefferson to George Rogers Clark concerning prehistoric animal bones found in Kentucky.

First page of a letter to Draper, concerning Tecumseh, including a map of the battlefield where Tecumseh was killed in 1813.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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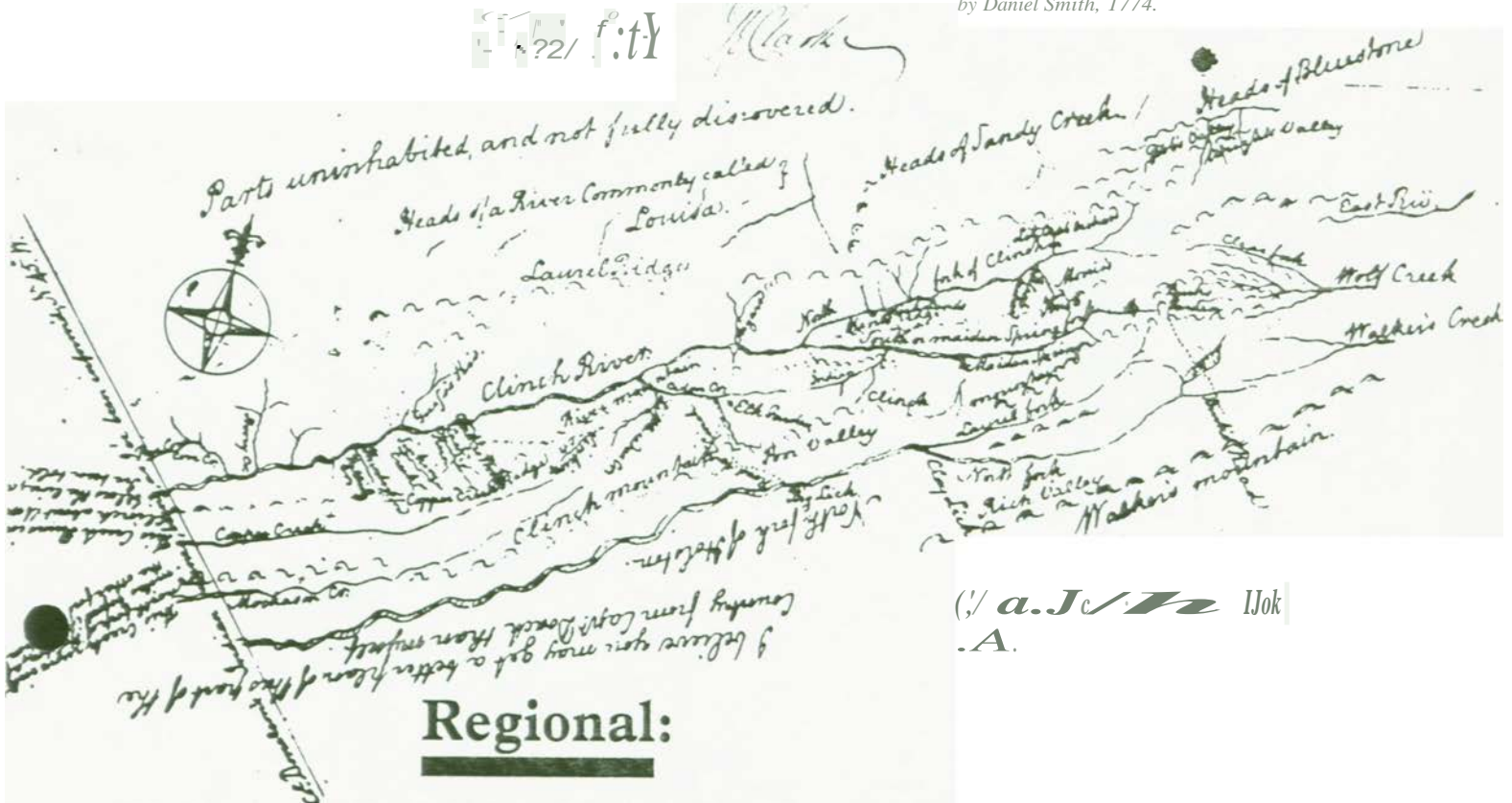
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Hamilton and his wife leave to inform
him that Col. Clark will not agree
to any other terms than that of Mr.
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Garrison Prisoners at discretion.

If Mr. Hamilton is desirous of
conference with Col. Clark he will
meet him at the Church with Capt.
Holmes.

General George Rogers Clark's
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Vincennes, 1779.

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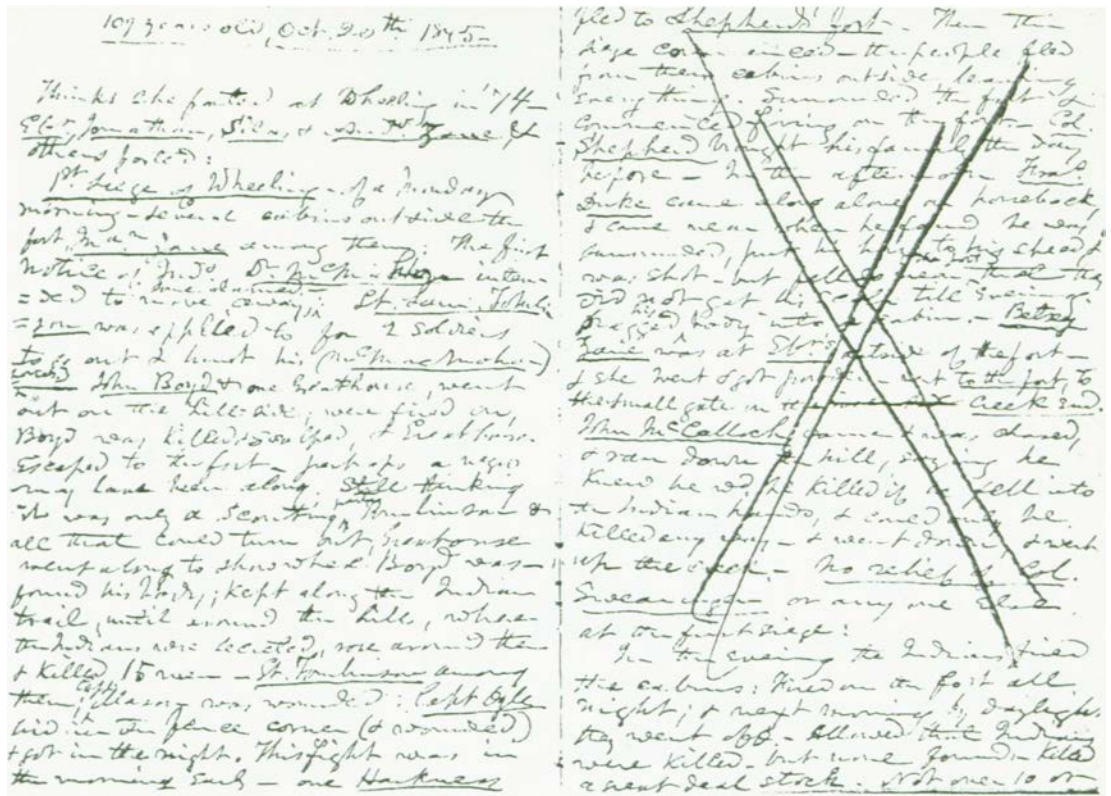
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